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WASHINGTON, June 17, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 12 totaled an estimated 16.0 billion ton-miles, 10.0 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 385.2 billon ton-miles, 8.6 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 12 totaled 373,188 cars, 10.2 percent below the 1981 week but 13.9 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 5.8 percent in the East, 8.8 percent in the South and 13.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Nineteen of the 21 groups increased from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended June 5 totaled 32,237 cars, down 7.6 percent from the non-holiday week of 1981, and 55,025 trailers and/or containers, 11.3 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 809,796 cars, 8.0 percent higher than last year, and 1,445,412 trailers and/or containers, up 6.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/12/82:

	Loadings in Week ended June 12, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,?69	D	795	3.2	I	5,103	26.5
Other farm products	4,924	I	488	11.0	I	848	20.8
Metallic ores	14,799	D	21,322	59.0	D	5,895	28.5
Coal	118,435	I	26,230	28.4	I	16,944	16.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,327	D	2,867	21.7	I	2,175	26.7
Nonmetallic minerals	9,108	D	5,533	37.8	I	1,724	23.3
Grain mill products	11,238	D	2,675	19.2	I	1,052	10.3
Food and kindred products	13,112	D	1,859	12.4	I	1,285	10.9
Primary forest products	15,765	D	2,672	14.5	I	2,798	21.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,730	D	1,620	19.4	I	1,632	32.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,880	D	3,288	17.2	I	940	6.3
Chemicals and allied products	21,678	D	4,317	16.6	I	3,194	17.3
Petroleum products	4,531	D	473	9.5	I	640	16.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,503	D	3,581	25.4	I	1,612	18.1
Coke	4,547	D	2,836	38.4	D	281	5.8
Metals and products	8,852	D	7,122	44.6	I	948	12.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,166	D	2,979	14.8	I	2,816	19.6
Waste and scrap materials	8,400	D	4,351	34.1	I	1,771	26.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,289	D	1,828	18.1	I	1,270	18.1
All other carloads	44,278	I	941	2.2	I	5,053	12.9
LCL traffic	257	I	37	16.8	I	5	2.0
Total Cars Loaded	373,188	D	42,422	10.2	I	45,634	13.9
Corresponding week of 1981	415,610						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)	8,948,495	9,877,213	D 9.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
23 Weeks cumulative	369.2	403.5	D 8.5
Week ended June 12	16.0	17.6	D 10.0
24 Weeks cumulative	385.2	421.3	D 8.6

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